

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 826

By Graves

A RESOLUTION to commend and honor Cheryl Swinney upon being voted Leadership Sumner Alumni of the Year for 2001.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Cheryl Swinney is one such admirable person who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Swinney is a highly respected member of the Sumner County community; and

WHEREAS, a 1999 graduate of Leadership Sumner, Cheryl Swinney was recently selected as the Leadership Sumner Alumni of the Year for 2001 by her fellow alumni; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from Leadership Sumner, Ms. Swinney became the Program Director for the program the following year; and

WHEREAS, throughout her exemplary tenure as the Chairperson of Youth Leadership Sumner, Ms. Swinney has distinguished herself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to her community; and

WHEREAS, she is an active and important part of her community, participating in numerous organizations, including the Sumner County Court Appointed Special Advocate Program and the Sumner County Board of Education for High School Aged Children, on which she serves as a Job Coach; and

WHEREAS, in the fall of 2001, a scholarship was founded in Cheryl Swinney's name for children with special needs to attend Vol State College; and

WHEREAS, an avid environmentalist, gardener, and animal lover, Ms. Swinney is an extremely giving person who often reaches out with compassion to people whom life has treated unkindly, and she epitomizes the ideal of the consummate professional, dedicated public servant, and reliable friend and neighbor; and

WHEREAS, Cheryl Swinney's remarkable success as a public servant and civic leader is directly attributable to her reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and her uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Swinney is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby congratulate Cheryl Swinney upon being chosen as Leadership Sumner Alumni of the Year and salute her unswerving commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.